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at the Winding Creek schoolhouse there is going to be a meeting of the citizens of Winding Creek and Big Bend to decide whether or not the two towns will jointly promote a winter carnival. We understand that opinion is overwhelmingly in favor of the idea. But we'll let Jim and Jerry tell you more about it. Here they are, in the office, getting ready to go to the meeting --

JERRY: (To Sam, Jim) These plans for the winter carnival sure have got off to a good start.

JIM: Yes. If folks around here want to have it, they ought to get started early as they can. There's a lot of work to be done here.

JERRY: I'll say there is. Here's a list of the things that have been suggested. Listen, now: basketball, ice skating, jumping competition, cross country races and speed skating. Cross-country races. Snow shoe races. Dog sled races. Sled racing and skating races. Ice carnival. Sam looks like they want to in for it in a big way.

JIM: Yes, it does, Jerry. I don't know whether we can get it all in on the schedule, but we'll see what folks say at the meeting.

JERRY: (To Sam, Jim) That time is the meeting, Jim.

JIM: Hello, Sam. Well, I guess we ought to be getting home now, but the meeting doesn't start till eight o'clock.

JERRY: Jim's the chairman. He ought to show

(CHUCKLES) They just wanted somebody to be the boss
 everybody's enthusiastic about it. (laugh) I'll
 fairly everybody. I guess. From what I hear, though, it
 seems like there's even a little argument.
 I can't for the life of me see why anybody would want
 to argue about having a winter carnival. However, some
 will bring a lot of business here in the middle of the
 slow season.
 Well, Boss, some folks have a habit of dividin' what you
 I reckon we oughta give 'em their way about it.
 It's no like Judson that's gonna' go much like he does
 the carnival. He always has something to say about
 everything.
 Judson's a right smart fellow. Does a lot of talking and
 he's a worker and I ain't airtid to say what he thinks.
 But any one as thinks he can always decide what's best
 for the town.
 Well, Boss, I reckon most of us are pretty sure of our
 own opinions. Maybe as things are what of us as we're
 of him. (CHUCKLES).
 But he goes around saying as if people were to really
 for suggesting a winter carnival.
 And he's got several others on his side.
 Well, Boss, both sides of the question when we get to the
 meeting. There's a lot to discuss.

JERRY: I'll say there is. Did you see the list of suggestions?
Mrs. Robbins:

ESSIE: Yes. Isn't it grand?

JERRY: What do they mean by "ice carnival"?

ESSIE: Oh, they'll probably have a skating exhibition and a parade and a dance afterwards. Isn't that what they usually have, Jim?

JIM: I guess so, Bess. Say, we've got to be going if we want to get there ahead of time.

JERRY: What time is it?

JIM: Seven thirty. There'll be plenty of folks there, so I don't miss my guess. (PAUSE) Come on, Bess. Get your Sunday bonnet and let's hit for the meeting.

MUSIC. INTERLUDE.

SOUND. (FADE IN CROWD BACKGROUND)

JUDSON: (OFF) Mr. Chairman, I'd like to have that motion read again.

JIM: (VOICE UP) All right, Mr. Judson. (TO JERRY) Jerry, will you read the motion again, the way you have it?

JERRY: All right, Jim. Here it is. (VOICE UP) Moved and seconded that the Citizens' Association of Big Bend and the Business Men's Club of Windy Creek promote a winter carnival to take place on the Pine Lake National Forest.

JIM: That's what you wanted read, Mr. Judson?

CHUCK: That's it. And I don't think we need to do it. I think we --

JOHN: (OFF) My son? What's wrong with him? A carnival?

CHUCK: I think we ought to have a carnival. I think a carnival would be a great idea. Almost every town around here has a carnival. And they're pretty good on 'em. Nobody ever says "No" to a carnival. It's a winner. (LAUGHTER)

JOHN: It's not here. It's not in the middle of a carnival. (LAUGHTER)

CHUCK: And you can't have a carnival if there's no one to run it.

JIM: Well, look, from what I understand, a lot of people around here think a carnival would be a pretty good thing to help business around here during the summer. Of course it's up to you to decide. If you want to hold it, the Forest Service can furnish a place to hold the carnival on the National Forest, and we'll do all we can to help you make it successful.

CHUCK: (LAUGHTER)

JOHN: That's right, Chuck. Let's have it. We want a carnival.

CHUCK: (OFF) Look-where, you said, did you ever hear of a carnival only lasting a few days? And after it's over there wouldn't be anybody coming here for weeks before.

JIM: Chances are they'd come back as long as there's snow on the ground, providing they had a good time to start with. I see.

JUDSON: Looks to me like there's too much guess-work in it. There ain't any guarantee that it's gonna be a success.

VOICE: If we got as much cooperation as we got argument on this here carnival, she'd be a hit for sure.

JUDSON: Well, I say it's too much work for nothin'. I'm not wasting my time on any crazy winter carnival. Nobody'll come because they don't know what it is. You can slide down a hill on a toboggan anywhere around here when the snow's on. There ain't any chance of makin' a show out of it.

JIM: Well, of course we don't know if we haven't tried it. You might want to consider though that there's been a very marked increase in winter sports all over the country. They tell me that up on the Mt. Baker National Forest and on the Mt. Hood National Forest, and in the White Mountain Forest in New Hampshire, and a lot of other places, winter sports have become one of the biggest attractions around there. Folks travel for miles to take part in them.

JUDSON: But that ain't here. Just because somebody else gets away with it, it don't mean we can.

VOICE: What's matter, Judson, skeered to try somethin' different for once?

JIM: That's just why I asked that this meeting be called, Ike, so everybody would know about it. They've asked me to be chairman, so if there's any questions you want to ask, Mr. Judson, you or the fellows, I'll be glad to try and answer 'em.

JUDSON: That ain't the point, Mr. Chairman. It looks to me like this whole business was got up for the benefit of a few people that's gonna get their names in the papers and spend a lot of our money havin' themselves a good time.

JIM: I'd say this, folks. Unless everybody's going to cooperate and get down to work, we'd better not have a carnival.

JUDSON: Well, there's some of us here that won't vote in favor of any winter carnival until we know more about what's going on. Ain't that right, boys?

CHORUS: You bet it is, Ike. We'll back you up, Judson.

SOUND: (CROWD UP A BIT)

JERRY: Gee, Jim, it looks like they're gonna knock the carnival clear out cold. Look at that mob Judson has around him.

JIM: Looks that way, Jerry.

JERRY: Gee, that'll be too bad.

JIM: I s'pose so. (CHUCKLES) There's that list of committees, Jerry?

JERRY: Here it is. What are you going to do?

JIM: Gonna make a change or two.

JERRY: What are you scratchin' your name off the list for?

JIM: Wait a minute.

VOICES: Mr. Chairman! Mr. Chairman! (CROWD FADES) I think we ought to have a committee from this meeting to make any plans that used to be made.

VOICES: That's a good idea. We want a committee.

SOUND: (RAPPING OF GAVEL) (CROWD SUBSIDES)

JIM: There's been a committee already appointed to do that and I'll read you the names.

JUDSON: Who appointed 'em? That's what I want to know.

JIM: I appointed them, Mr. Judson. Some of the folks who have been working on this thing thought I'd know who was most interested in it and who would do the best work, so I picked these people I have named here. This committee is the executive committee I appointed for the time being to handle any plans for a winter carnival -- or whatever we decide to do. On this committee I put Al Perkins, Dave Brownell, Lem Taggart, Andy Stephens, and for chairman --- Ike Judson --- Now, are you ready to vote on the motion to hold a winter carnival? Any more discussions? -- All right. Those in favor of the carnival say "Aye"

CROWD: "AYE!"

JIM: Those opposed to havin' a carnival say "No" -- (PAUSE)
-- The motion's carried. And I'd like those men I named to come up to the platform a minute.

SOUND: (JURSED UP)

JURSED: (PAUSE) (FADE IN CLOSE) Say, Mr. Robbins, I didn't mean to be knocking' that committee. I didn't know you had the one that was handling' of this or I wouldn't have made so much over it. I just don't like to see anybody try to air away with something that's all.

JIM: Well, Jordon, I'm glad you raised all those objections. That's the only way to get both sides of the question.

JURSED: That's what I was thinking'. When do we start to work?

JIM: There's a copy of the plans we've made so far. You can do anything with 'em you want to. But they might serve as a sort of a guide, that's all.

JURSED: Sure, I understand.

JIM: When you're ready, you can get your committee together and we'll get under way.

JURSED: All right, Mr. Robbins. I'll tell the other fellows right so. If you want me for anything just let me know.

JIM: You bet I will, Jordon.

JURSED: That's fine. There's Al Perkins. I'll tell him first. (PAUSE) Say, Al, when can you drop over to my place? (FADE OUT)

JERRY: (LAUGHING) Say, Jim, that was a swell job of dialogue.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) No, that was just bare bones, Jerry. The folks that squawk loudest about things usually do it because they weren't being' left out. Jordon's a good man and he seemed to want to get in on it, so I let him appoint his chairman.

JERRY: Here all for having the carnival day.

JIM: Um huh. I reckon the only way to shut up some folks is to put 'em to work. (CHUCKLES)

METIS: Finale.

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